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SYNOPSIS

Allows wineries that produce more than 250,000 gallons per year to directly ship certain wines to consumers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning direct shipment of wine and amending
2 R.S.33:1-10.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.33:1-10 is amended to read as follows:

8 33:1-10. Class A licenses shall be subdivided and classified as
9 follows:

10 Plenary brewery license. 1a. The holder of this license shall be
11 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to brew any malt alcoholic
12 beverages and to sell and distribute his products to wholesalers and
13 retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, and to sell and
14 distribute without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of
15 the places of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a
16 warehouse; provided, however, that the delivery of this product by
17 the holder of this license to retailers licensed under this title shall be
18 from inventory in a warehouse located in this State which is
19 operated under a plenary brewery license. The fee for this license
20 shall be \$10,625.

21 Limited brewery license. 1b. The holder of this license shall be
22 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to brew any malt alcoholic
23 beverages in a quantity to be expressed in said license, dependent
24 upon the following fees and not in excess of 300,000 barrels of 31
25 fluid gallons capacity per year and to sell and distribute this product
26 to wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with this
27 chapter, and to sell and distribute without this State to any persons
28 pursuant to the laws of the places of such sale and distribution, and
29 to maintain a warehouse; provided, however, that the delivery of
30 this product by the holder of this license to retailers licensed under
31 this title shall be from inventory in a warehouse located in this State
32 which is operated under a limited brewery license. The holder of
33 this license shall be entitled to sell this product at retail to
34 consumers on the licensed premises of the brewery for consumption
35 on the premises, but only in connection with a tour of the brewery,
36 or for consumption off the premises in a quantity of not more than
37 15.5 fluid gallons per person, and to offer samples for sampling
38 purposes only pursuant to an annual permit issued by the director.
39 The holder of this license shall not sell food or operate a restaurant
40 on the licensed premises. The fee for this license shall be graduated
41 as follows:

42 to so brew not more than 50,000 barrels of 31 liquid gallons
43 capacity per annum, \$1,250;

44 to so brew not more than 100,000 barrels of 31 fluid gallons
45 capacity per annum, \$2,500;

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 to so brew not more than 200,000 barrels of 31 fluid gallons
2 capacity per annum, \$5,000;

3 to so brew not more than 300,000 barrels of 31 fluid gallons
4 capacity per annum, \$7,500.

5 For the purposes of this subsection, "sampling" means the selling
6 at a nominal charge or the gratuitous offering of an open container
7 not exceeding four ounces of any malt alcoholic beverage. For the
8 purposes of this subsection, "product" means any malt alcoholic
9 beverage that is produced on the premises licensed under this
10 subsection.

11 Restricted brewery license. 1c. The holder of this license shall
12 be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to brew any malt
13 alcoholic beverages in a quantity to be expressed in such license not
14 in excess of 10,000 barrels of 31 gallons capacity per year.
15 Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.33:1-26, the director shall
16 issue a restricted brewery license only to a person or an entity
17 which has identical ownership to an entity which holds a plenary
18 retail consumption license issued pursuant to R.S.33:1-12, provided
19 that such plenary retail consumption license is operated in
20 conjunction with a restaurant regularly and principally used for the
21 purpose of providing meals to its customers and having adequate
22 kitchen and dining room facilities, and that the licensed restaurant
23 premises is immediately adjoining the premises licensed under this
24 subsection. The holder of this license shall be entitled to sell or
25 deliver the product to that restaurant premises. The holder of this
26 license also shall be entitled to sell and distribute the product to
27 wholesalers licensed in accordance with this chapter. The fee for
28 this license shall be \$1,250, which fee shall entitle the holder to
29 brew up to 1,000 barrels of 31 liquid gallons per annum. The
30 licensee also shall pay an additional \$250 for every additional 1,000
31 barrels of 31 fluid gallons produced. The fee shall be paid at the
32 time of application for the license, and additional payments based
33 on barrels produced shall be paid within 60 days following the
34 expiration of the license term upon certification by the licensee of
35 the actual gallons brewed during the license term. No more than 10
36 restricted brewery licenses shall be issued to a person or entity
37 which holds an interest in a plenary retail consumption license. If
38 the governing body of the municipality in which the licensed
39 premises will be located should file a written objection, the director
40 shall hold a hearing and may issue the license only if the director
41 finds that the issuance of the license will not be contrary to the
42 public interest. All fees related to the issuance of both licenses shall
43 be paid in accordance with statutory law. The provisions of this
44 subsection shall not be construed to limit or restrict the rights and
45 privileges granted by the plenary retail consumption license held by
46 the holder of the restricted brewery license issued pursuant to this
47 subsection.

1 The holder of this license shall be entitled to offer samples of its
2 product for promotional purposes at charitable or civic events off
3 the licensed premises pursuant to an annual permit issued by the
4 director.

5 For the purposes of this subsection, "sampling" means the selling
6 at a nominal charge or the gratuitous offering of an open container
7 not exceeding four ounces of any malt alcoholic beverage product.
8 For the purposes of this subsection, "product" means any malt
9 alcoholic beverage that is produced on the premises licensed under
10 this subsection.

11 Plenary winery license. 2a. Provided that the holder is engaged
12 in growing and cultivating grapes or fruit used in the production of
13 wine on at least three acres on, or adjacent to, the winery premises,
14 the holder of this license shall be entitled, subject to rules and
15 regulations, to produce any fermented wines, and to blend, fortify
16 and treat wines, and to sell and distribute his products to
17 wholesalers licensed in accordance with this chapter and to
18 churches for religious purposes, and to sell and distribute without
19 this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of the places of such
20 sale and distribution, and to maintain a warehouse, and to sell his
21 products at retail to consumers on the licensed premises of the
22 winery for consumption on or off the premises and to offer samples
23 for sampling purposes only. The fee for this license shall be \$938.
24 A holder of this license who produces not more than 250,000
25 gallons per year shall also have the right to sell and distribute his
26 products to retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, except
27 that the holder of this license shall not use a common carrier for
28 such distribution. The fee for this additional privilege shall be
29 graduated as follows: a licensee who manufactures more than
30 150,000 gallons, but not in excess of 250,000 gallons per annum,
31 \$1,000; a licensee who manufactures more than 100,000 gallons,
32 but not in excess of 150,000 gallons per annum, \$500; a licensee
33 who manufactures more than 50,000 gallons, but not in excess of
34 100,000 gallons per annum, \$250; a licensee who manufactures
35 50,000 gallons or less per annum, \$100. A holder of this license
36 who produces not more than 250,000 gallons per year shall have the
37 right to sell such wine at retail in original packages in 15
38 salesrooms apart from the winery premises for consumption on or
39 off the premises and for sampling purposes for consumption on the
40 premises, at a fee of \$250 for each salesroom. Licensees shall not
41 jointly control and operate salesrooms. Additionally, the holder of
42 this license who produces not more than 250,000 gallons per year
43 may ship not more than 12 cases of wine per year, subject to
44 regulation, to any person within or without this State over 21 years
45 of age for personal consumption and not for resale. A case of wine
46 shall not exceed a maximum of nine liters. A copy of the original
47 invoice shall be available for inspection by persons authorized to
48 enforce the alcoholic beverage laws of this State for a minimum

1 period of three years at the licensed premises of the winery. For the
2 purposes of this subsection, "sampling" means the selling at a
3 nominal charge or the gratuitous offering of an open container not
4 exceeding one and one-half ounces of any wine.

5 A holder of this license who produces not more than 250,000
6 gallons per year shall not own, either in whole or in part, or hold,
7 either directly or indirectly, any interest in a winery that produces
8 more than 250,000 gallons per year. In addition, a holder of this
9 license who produces more than 250,000 gallons per year shall not
10 own, either in whole or in part, or hold, either directly or indirectly,
11 any interest in a winery that produces not more than 250,000
12 gallons per year. For the purposes of this subsection, "product"
13 means any wine that is produced, blended, fortified, or treated by
14 the licensee on its licensed premises situated in the State of New
15 Jersey. For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include
16 "hard cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

17 Farm winery license. 2b. The holder of this license shall be
18 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture any
19 fermented wines and fruit juices in a quantity to be expressed in
20 said license, dependent upon the following fees and not in excess of
21 50,000 gallons per year and to sell and distribute his products to
22 wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter
23 and to churches for religious purposes and to sell and distribute
24 without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of the places
25 of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a warehouse and to
26 sell at retail to consumers for consumption on or off the licensed
27 premises and to offer samples for sampling purposes only. The
28 license shall be issued only when the winery at which such
29 fermented wines and fruit juices are manufactured is located and
30 constructed upon a tract of land exclusively under the control of the
31 licensee, provided that the licensee is actively engaged in growing
32 and cultivating an area of not less than three acres on or adjacent to
33 the winery premises and on which are growing grape vines or fruit
34 to be processed into wine or fruit juice; and provided, further, that
35 for the first five years of the operation of the winery such fermented
36 wines and fruit juices shall be manufactured from at least 51
37 percent grapes or fruit grown in the State and that thereafter they
38 shall be manufactured from grapes or fruit grown in this State at
39 least to the extent required for labeling as "New Jersey Wine" under
40 the applicable federal laws and regulations. The containers of all
41 wine sold to consumers by such licensee shall have affixed a label
42 stating such information as shall be required by the rules and
43 regulations of the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage
44 Control. The fee for this license shall be graduated as follows: to so
45 manufacture between 30,000 and 50,000 gallons per annum, \$375;
46 to so manufacture between 2,500 and 30,000 gallons per annum,
47 \$250; to so manufacture between 1,000 and 2,500 gallons per
48 annum, \$125; to so manufacture less than 1,000 gallons per annum,

1 \$63. No farm winery license shall be held by the holder of a plenary
2 winery license or be situated on a premises licensed as a plenary
3 winery.

4 The holder of this license shall also have the right to sell and
5 distribute his products to retailers licensed in accordance with this
6 chapter, except that the holder of this license shall not use a
7 common carrier for such distribution. The fee for this additional
8 privilege shall be \$100. The holder of this license shall have the
9 right to sell his products in original packages at retail to consumers
10 in 15 salesrooms apart from the winery premises for consumption
11 on or off the premises, and for sampling purposes for consumption
12 on the premises, at a fee of \$250 for each salesroom. Licensees
13 shall not jointly control and operate salesrooms. Additionally, the
14 holder of this license may ship not more than 12 cases of wine per
15 year, subject to regulation, to any person within or without this
16 State over 21 years of age for personal consumption and not for
17 resale. A case of wine shall not exceed a maximum of nine liters. A
18 copy of the original invoice shall be available for inspection by
19 persons authorized to enforce the alcoholic beverage laws of this
20 State for a minimum period of three years at the licensed premises
21 of the winery. For the purposes of this subsection, "sampling"
22 means the selling at a nominal charge or the gratuitous offering of
23 an open container not exceeding one and one-half ounces of any
24 wine.

25 A holder of this license who produces not more than 250,000
26 gallons per year shall not own, either in whole or in part, or hold,
27 either directly or indirectly, any interest in a winery that produces
28 more than 250,000 gallons per year.

29 Unless otherwise indicated, for the purposes of this subsection,
30 with respect to farm winery licenses, "manufacture" means the
31 vinification, aging, storage, blending, clarification, stabilization and
32 bottling of wine or juice from New Jersey fruit to the extent
33 required by this subsection.

34 For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include "hard
35 cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

36 Wine blending license. 2c. The holder of this license shall
37 be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to blend, treat, mix, and
38 bottle fermented wines and fruit juices with non-alcoholic
39 beverages, and to sell and distribute his products to wholesalers and
40 retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, and to sell and
41 distribute without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of
42 the places of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a
43 warehouse. The fee for this license shall be \$625.

44 For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include "hard
45 cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

46 Instructional winemaking facility license. 2d. The holder of this
47 license shall be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to instruct
48 persons in and provide them with the opportunity to participate

1 directly in the process of winemaking and to directly assist such
2 persons in the process of winemaking while in the process of
3 instruction on the premises of the facility. The holder of this
4 license also shall be entitled to manufacture wine on the premises
5 not in excess of an amount of 10 percent of the wine produced
6 annually on the premises of the facility, which shall be used only to
7 replace quantities lost or discarded during the winemaking process,
8 to maintain a warehouse, and to offer samples produced by persons
9 who have received instruction in winemaking on the premises by
10 the licensee for sampling purposes only on the licensed premises for
11 the purpose of promoting winemaking for personal or household use
12 or consumption. Wine produced on the premises of an instructional
13 winemaking facility shall be used, consumed or disposed of on the
14 facility's premises or distributed from the facility's premises to a
15 person who has participated directly in the process of winemaking
16 for the person's personal or household use or consumption. The
17 holder of this license may sell mercantile items traditionally
18 associated with winemaking and novelty wearing apparel identified
19 with the name of the establishment licensed under the provisions of
20 this section. The holder of this license may use the licensed
21 premises for an event or affair, including an event or affair at which
22 a plenary retail consumption licensee serves alcoholic beverages in
23 compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations promulgated
24 by the director. The fee for this license shall be \$1,000. For the
25 purposes of this subsection, "sampling" means the gratuitous
26 offering of an open container not exceeding one and one-half
27 ounces of any wine.

28 For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include "hard
29 cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

30 Out-of-State winery license. 2e. Provided that the
31 applicant does not produce more than 250,000 gallons of wine per
32 year, the holder of a valid winery license issued in any other state
33 may make application to the director for this license. The holder of
34 this license shall have the right to sell and distribute his products to
35 wholesalers licensed in accordance with this chapter and to sell
36 such wine at retail in original packages in 16 salesrooms apart from
37 the winery premises for consumption on or off the premises at a fee
38 of \$250 for each salesroom. Licensees shall not jointly control and
39 operate salesrooms. The annual fee for this license shall be \$938.
40 A copy of a current license issued by another state shall accompany
41 the application. The holder of this license also shall have the right
42 to sell and distribute his products to retailers licensed in accordance
43 with this chapter, except that the holder of this license shall not use
44 a common carrier for such distribution. The fee for this additional
45 privilege shall be graduated as follows: a licensee who
46 manufactures more than 150,000 gallons, but not in excess of
47 250,000 gallons per annum, \$1,000; a licensee who manufactures
48 more than 100,000 gallons, but not in excess of 150,000 gallons per

1 annum, \$500; a licensee who manufactures more than 50,000
2 gallons, but not in excess of 100,000 gallons per annum, \$250; a
3 licensee who manufactures 50,000 gallons or less per annum, \$100.
4 Additionally, the holder of this license may ship not more than 12
5 cases of wine per year, subject to regulation, to any person within or
6 without this State over 21 years of age for personal consumption
7 and not for resale. A case of wine shall not exceed a maximum of
8 nine liters. A copy of the original invoice shall be available for
9 inspection by persons authorized to enforce the alcoholic beverage
10 laws of this State for a minimum period of three years at the
11 licensed premises of the winery.

12 The licensee shall collect from the customer the tax due on the
13 sale pursuant to the "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30
14 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.) and shall pay the tax due on the delivery of
15 alcoholic beverages pursuant to the "Alcoholic beverage tax law,"
16 R.S.54:41-1 et seq. The Director of the Division of Taxation in the
17 Department of the Treasury shall promulgate such rules and
18 regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this paragraph,
19 and may provide by regulation for the co-administration of the tax
20 due on the delivery of alcoholic beverages pursuant to the
21 "Alcoholic beverage tax law," R.S.54:41-1 et seq. with the
22 administration of the tax due on the sale pursuant to the "Sales and
23 Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.).

24 A holder of this license who produces not more than 250,000
25 gallons per year shall not own, either in whole or in part, or hold,
26 either directly or indirectly, any interest in a winery that produces
27 more than 250,000 gallons per year.

28 Reserve wine shipping license. 2f. A holder of this license shall
29 have the right to ship not more than 12 cases of reserve wine per
30 year, subject to regulation, to any person within or without this
31 State over 21 years of age for personal consumption and not for
32 resale. A case of reserve wine shall not exceed a maximum of nine
33 liters. A copy of the original invoice shall be available for
34 inspection by persons authorized to enforce the alcoholic beverage
35 laws of this State for a minimum period of three years at the
36 licensed premises of the winery. The fee for this license shall be
37 \$1,500.

38 The director shall issue a reserve wine shipping license only to a
39 person or an entity that holds a plenary winery license issued
40 pursuant to this section or a valid winery license issued in any other
41 state and owns, either directly or indirectly, an interest in a winery
42 that produces more than 250,000 gallons of wine per year.

43 For the purposes of this subsection, "reserve wine" means wine
44 that is not sold or distributed through wholesalers and retailers
45 operating in this State.

46 For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include "hard
47 cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

1 Cidery and meadery license. 2f. The holder of this license shall
2 be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture hard
3 cider and mead and to sell and distribute these products to
4 wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter,
5 and to sell and distribute without this State to any persons pursuant
6 to the laws of the places of such sale and distribution, and to
7 maintain a warehouse. The holder of this license shall be entitled to
8 sell these products at retail to consumers on the licensed premises
9 for consumption on or off the premises and to offer samples for
10 sampling purposes only. The holder of this license shall be
11 permitted to offer for sale or make the gratuitous offering of
12 packaged crackers, chips, nuts, and similar snacks to consumers, but
13 shall not operate a restaurant on the licensed premises. The fee for
14 this license shall be \$938.

15 The holder of this license shall be entitled to manufacture hard
16 cider in a quantity not to exceed 50,000 barrels of 31 fluid gallons
17 capacity per year. With respect to the sale and distribution of hard
18 cider to a wholesaler, the licensee shall be subject to the same
19 statutory and regulatory requirements as a brewer, and hard cider
20 shall be considered a malt alcoholic beverage, for the purposes of
21 the "Malt Alcoholic Beverage Practices Act," P.L.2005, c.243
22 (C.33:1-93.12 et seq.). The holder of this license shall not directly
23 ship hard cider either within or without this State.

24 The holder of this license shall be entitled to manufacture not
25 more than 250,000 gallons of mead per year. The holder of this
26 license may ship not more than 12 cases of mead per year, subject
27 to regulation, to any person within or without this State over 21
28 years of age for personal consumption and not for resale. A case of
29 mead shall not exceed a maximum of nine liters. A copy of the
30 original invoice shall be available for inspection by persons
31 authorized to enforce the alcoholic beverage laws of this State for a
32 minimum period of three years at the licensed premises. As used in
33 this subsection:

34 "Hard cider" means a fermented alcoholic beverage derived
35 primarily from apples, pears, apple juice concentrate and water, or
36 pear juice concentrate and water, which may include spices, herbs,
37 honey, or other flavoring, and which contains at least one half of
38 one percent but less than eight and one half percent alcohol by
39 volume.

40 "Mead" means an alcoholic beverage primarily made from
41 honey, water, and yeast, and which may contain fruit, fruit juices,
42 spices, or herbs added before or after fermentation has completed,
43 except that the ratio of fermentable sugars from fruit or fruit juices
44 shall not exceed 49 percent of the total fermentable sugars used to
45 produce mead.

46 "Sampling" means the selling at a nominal charge or the
47 gratuitous offering of an open container not exceeding four ounces
48 of hard cider or mead produced on the licensed premises.

1 Plenary distillery license. 3a. The holder of this license shall be
2 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture any
3 distilled alcoholic beverages and rectify, blend, treat and mix, and
4 to sell and distribute his products to wholesalers and retailers
5 licensed in accordance with this chapter, and to sell and distribute
6 without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of the places
7 of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a warehouse. The fee
8 for this license shall be \$12,500.

9 Limited distillery license. 3b. The holder of this license shall be
10 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture and bottle
11 any alcoholic beverages distilled from fruit juices and rectify,
12 blend, treat, mix, compound with wine and add necessary
13 sweetening and flavor to make cordial or liqueur, and to sell and
14 distribute to wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with
15 this chapter, and to sell and distribute without this State to any
16 persons pursuant to the laws of the places of such sale and
17 distribution and to warehouse these products. The fee for this
18 license shall be \$3,750.

19 Supplementary limited distillery license. 3c. The holder of this
20 license shall be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to bottle
21 and rebottle, in a quantity to be expressed in said license, dependent
22 upon the following fees, alcoholic beverages distilled from fruit
23 juices by such holder pursuant to a prior plenary or limited distillery
24 license, and to sell and distribute his products to wholesalers and
25 retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, and to sell and
26 distribute without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of
27 the places of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a
28 warehouse. The fee for this license shall be graduated as follows:
29 to so bottle and rebottle not more than 5,000 wine gallons per
30 annum, \$313; to so bottle and rebottle not more than 10,000 wine
31 gallons per annum, \$625; to so bottle and rebottle without limit as
32 to amount, \$1,250.

33 Craft distillery license. 3d. The holder of this license shall be
34 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture not more
35 than 20,000 gallons of distilled alcoholic beverages, to rectify,
36 blend, treat and mix distilled alcoholic beverages, to sell and
37 distribute this product to wholesalers and retailers licensed in
38 accordance with this chapter, and to sell and distribute without this
39 State to any persons pursuant to the laws of the places of such sale
40 and distribution, and to maintain a warehouse. The holder of this
41 license shall be entitled to sell this product at retail to consumers on
42 the licensed premises of the distillery for consumption on the
43 premises, but only in connection with a tour of the distillery, and
44 for consumption off the premises in a quantity of not more than five
45 liters per person. In addition, the holder of this license may offer
46 any person not more than three samples per calendar day for
47 sampling purposes only. For the purposes of this subsection,
48 "sampling" means the gratuitous offering of an open container not

1 exceeding one-half ounce serving of distilled alcoholic beverage
2 produced on the distillery premises. Nothing in this subsection shall
3 be deemed to permit the direct shipment of distilled spirits either
4 within or without this State.

5 The holder of this license shall not sell food or operate a
6 restaurant on the licensed premises. A holder of this license who
7 certifies that not less than 51 percent of the raw materials used in
8 the production of distilled alcoholic beverages under this section are
9 grown in this State or purchased from providers located in this State
10 may, consistent with all applicable federal laws and regulations,
11 label these distilled alcoholic beverages as "New Jersey Distilled."
12 The fee for this license shall be \$938.

13 Rectifier and blender license. 4. The holder of this
14 license shall be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to rectify,
15 blend, treat and mix distilled alcoholic beverages, and to fortify,
16 blend, and treat fermented alcoholic beverages, and prepare
17 mixtures of alcoholic beverages, and to sell and distribute his
18 products to wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with
19 this chapter, and to sell and distribute without this State to any
20 persons pursuant to the laws of the places of such sale and
21 distribution, and to maintain a warehouse. The fee for this license
22 shall be \$7,500.

23 Bonded warehouse bottling license. 5. The holder of this license
24 shall be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to bottle alcoholic
25 beverages in bond on behalf of all persons authorized by federal and
26 State law and regulations to withdraw alcoholic beverages from
27 bond. The fee for this license shall be \$625. This license shall be
28 issued only to persons holding permits to operate Internal Revenue
29 bonded warehouses pursuant to the laws of the United States.

30 The provisions of section 21 of P.L.2003, c.117 amendatory of
31 this section shall apply to licenses issued or transferred on or after
32 July 1, 2003, and to license renewals commencing on or after July
33 1, 2003.

34 (cf: P.L.2017, c.80, s.1)

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36 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
37 following enactment, but the Director of the Division of Alcoholic
38 Beverage Control may take any administrative action in advance of
39 that date as may be necessary for the timely implementation of this
40 act.

41 42 43 STATEMENT

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45 This bill allows a winery that produces more than 250,000
46 gallons to directly ship certain reserve wines to consumers.

47 Under current law, small plenary wineries that produce 250,000
48 gallons or less per year and farm wineries are permitted to directly

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1 ship wine to New Jersey residents and consumers residing in other
2 states. In addition, out-of-State wineries that produce that annually
3 produce 250,000 gallons or less may obtain a license to directly
4 ship wine to New Jersey residents. Wineries that produce more
5 than the 250,000 gallon capacity cap are prohibited from directly
6 shipping wine.

7 This bill allows the holder of a plenary winery license or an out-
8 of-State winery that exceed the 250,000 gallon capacity cap to
9 directly ship up to 12 cases of reserve wine to any person over the
10 age of 21. The bill defines reserve wine as wine that is not sold or
11 distributed through wholesalers and retailers operating in this State.
12 The bill establishes a \$1,500 fee for this license.